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C O N F I D E N T I A L USUN 3305

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR,PINS, GW

SUBJECT: FRG INTEREST IN US PUBLIC STATEMENT RE

ISTANBUL HIJACKING INCIDENT

1. FRG MISSION COUNSELOR VERGAU CALLED POLCOUNS AUGUST 13 TO REFER TO AP WIRE STORY DATELINED WASHINGTON AUGUST 12 REPORTING THAT THE US HAS ASKED THE UN TO TAKE URGENT MEASURES TO PREVENT A RECURRENCE OF THE KIND OF HIJACKING INCIDENT THAT RECENTLY OCCURRED IN ISTANBUL. HE SAID THE WIRE STORY APPARENTLY WAS BASED ON STATEMENT BY DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN, WHO ALSO WAS REPORTED TO HAVE MENTIONED US SUPPORT OF FRG INITIATIVE "AGAINST TERRORISM." VERGAU SPECIFICALLY ASKED WHETHER US HAS WRITTEN A LETTER OR IN OTHER FORM OFFICIALLY REQUESTED THE UN TO TAKE SOME ACTION.

2. WE DENIED KNOWLEDGE OF ANY FORMAL REQUEST FOR ACTION BY THE UN AND OFFERED THE GUESS THAT THE WIRE SERVICE DISTORTED THE SPOKESMAN'S GENERAL RESPONSE TO PRESS INQUIRY.

3. VERGAU SAID THEY HAD REACHED THE SAME CONCLUSION. HE EXPLAINED THAT THE POINT OF FRG CONCERN WAS THAT THE PRESS STORY SEEMED TO IMPLY THAT THE US HAD REFERRED TO THE GERMAN INITIATIVE IN  
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APPROVING TERMS, BUT HAD PUT IT IN THE CONTEXT

OF AN OVERALL EFFORT AGAINST TERRORISM. THE FRG INITIATIVE, HOWEVER, IS AIMED ONLY AT THE PROTECTION OF HOSTAGES IN SUCH INCIDENTS. HE SAID THE FRG HAD CONCLUDED THAT THE PREVIOUS DEBATES ON TERRORISM HAD ACHIEVED NO SUCCESS, AND DIDNOT WISH TO ENMESH THEIR LIMITED INITIATIVE IN A RECURRENCE OF THE OLD FRUITLESS FIGHT. THEY ARE CONCERNED THAT LINKING THE GERMAN INITIATIVE WITH THE BROAD PROBLEM OF TERRORISM MAY STIR UNHELPFUL HOSTILE TENSIONS.

4. VERGAU ACKNOWLEDGED THAT THE FRG HAS NOT BEEN ABLE AS YET TO MAKE CLEAR ITS OBJECTIVES IN ITS FORTHCOMING INITIATIVE. IT THEREFORE IS UNDERSTAND-ABLE IF OTHERS MAY MISTAKENLY IDENTIFY IT WITH TERRORISM, RATHER THAN THE LIMITED PROBLEMS OF HOSTAGES. HE SAID THEY WOULD BE PREPARED TO INFORM THE US OF THE NATURE OF THEIR INITIATIVE WITHIN FEW DAYS AND WOULD BE IN TOUCH AS SOON AS INSTRUCTIONS ARE RECEIVED.

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